



REPUBLICAN ENERGY PLAN FOR AMERICA

During the Trump administration, America became a net energy exporter for the first time in nearly 70 years.¹ From 2017-2019, natural gas production reached record highs. Americans reaped the benefits of lower energy bills and more jobs through energy independence. However, the energy policies of Joe Biden, Chuck Schumer, and Nancy Pelosi put the American people last and green special interests first [See RPC's *Biden's "America Last" Energy Policy* guide for more information²]. These policies undermined American energy independence and resulted in billions of dollars in lost wages and higher costs for its workforce.

Fortunately, the Republican majority is leading on this issue with policies that take advantage of our vast natural resources and leverage our energy potential.

BACKGROUND

- **President Biden's war on fossil fuels has had real consequences for Americans' pocketbooks and our national security.**
 - On his first day in office, President Biden revoked permits for the Keystone XL pipeline extension, which was projected to carry 830,000 barrels of oil daily.³ During construction, the pipeline would have created roughly 10,400 American jobs and generated more than \$2 billion in American wages.⁴
 - The Biden administration traded American energy independence for reliance on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).
 - Biden's EPA proposed for two-thirds of new vehicle sales in America to be electric by 2032,⁵ which increases our dependence on battery manufacturers in China, who can work at lower costs due to their slave labor.⁶
 - The Biden administration issued a \$200 million grant to electric vehicle manufacturer Microvast, which does most of its business in China.⁷
 - These decisions significantly burden Americans, who will be stuck with the higher costs and lower efficiency of electric vehicle batteries.⁸ In addition, Americans in colder regions will have limited transportation flexibility due to the lower distance range electric vehicles have in cold weather.⁹
 - In the first two years of the Biden administration, energy costs increased by over 38%.¹⁰ Americans feel this increase daily at the gas pump, grocery store, and utility bills.

GOP POLICY ALTERNATIVES

- **To check the Biden administration's radical energy and environmental agenda and protect Americans, Republicans passed H.R. 1**, which the Senate should immediately pass and President Biden should sign into law. When enacted, this legislation will unleash American energy and lower costs for families. This bill includes policies that will increase domestic energy production, reform the permitting process, reverse anti-

energy policies, streamline energy infrastructure, and boost the production and processing of critical minerals.¹¹ Some of the specific bills in this package include:

- **H.R. 1023**¹² – This would repeal and rescind funding for section 134 of the Clean Air Act relating to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.¹³ This program was implemented in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and appropriated \$27 billion of taxpayer money for grants for financing green new deal projects.
- **H.R. 1121, the Protecting American Energy Production Act**¹⁴ – This bill would prohibit a moratorium on fracking. It is estimated that a ban on fracking could eliminate 19 million jobs and reduce GDP by \$7.1 trillion, all while natural gas prices would increase by 324% in just four years.¹⁵
- **H.R. 1130, the Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act**¹⁶ – This legislation amends the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹⁷ and repeals all restrictions on importing and exporting natural gas, including liquified natural gas. This would align the NGA with national import and export policies on other fossil fuels. Unlocking American energy allows for lower prices for American families, creates jobs, and removes reliance on foreign adversaries for our energy supply.
- **H.R. 1141, the Natural Gas Tax Repeal Act**¹⁸ – This bill would repeal the natural gas tax in section 136 of the Clean Air Act¹⁹ established by the IRA. From 2026 to 2031, this would tax methane emissions from natural gas wells \$6.35 billion, further increasing natural gas costs.²⁰
- **H.R. 1155, the Keeping America's Refineries Act**²¹ – This bill prevents operations assessment requirements instituted by the Biden administration's Risk Management Rule (RMP) expansion²² for petroleum refineries with active construction or operating permits. New refineries or those without permits could choose to follow the RMP assessment requirement or follow American Petroleum Institute Recommended Practice 751.²³ This will prohibit the phasing out of gasoline and prevents higher energy prices for Americans.

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¹³ Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. U.S. Code. [http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:42%20section:7434%20edition:prelim\)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:42%20section:7434%20edition:prelim))

¹⁴ H.R. 1121. U.S. House of Representatives 118th Congress. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1121>

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